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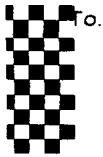
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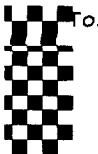
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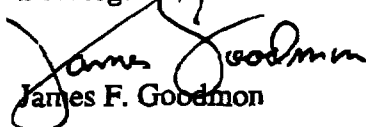
RE: MC Docket No. 02-230

Dear Chairman Powell:

Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc., licensee of four digital television stations in the Carolinas, urges the Commission not to adopt an exemption from any proposed "broadcast flag" for news, public affairs and/or educational programming broadcast on digital stations. As local broadcasters, local news and public affairs programming is core to our obligation to fulfill our public interest obligations.

In the Raleigh-Durham market, we produce over 39.5 hours of news and four hours of public affairs programming per week in high definition. This programming is part of our investment in serving our community and is our product for distribution, not for someone to pirate. We agree with the CBS Affiliates Advisory Board in its October 8, 2003 letter to you – "for local affiliates, a broadcast flag that does not protect local news is like no broadcast flag at all." We also support the other arguments advanced by the Board in support of the flag.

Best regards,

  
James F. Goodman

cc. Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
W. Kenneth Ferree, Esq.  
Stacy Robinson, Esq.  
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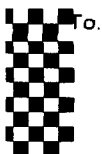
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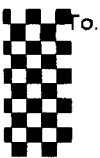
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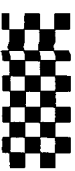
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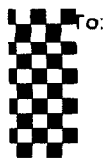
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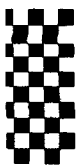
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Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

If the move to digital television does not make the public's viewing experience more enjoyable, flexible, and exciting, what compelling reason do I have as a consumer to buy new digital television equipment? A prettier picture is hardly enough reason for me to dispense with all my current consumer electronics and computer equipment. As a citizen and viewer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital television transition by opposing adoption of the broadcast flag.

Sincerely,

Todd Lee

October 15, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Kathleen Abernathy,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy:

As a broadcast television viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

It is imperative that the FCC abide by the Constitutional requirement for a balance between the creators of copyrightable work and the users. Technological restrictions benefit solely the creators (or more precisely, the owners) and have no discernable benefit to the users. By removing functionality and restricting innovation, the broadcast flag acts against the long-term interests of users and creators alike. Broadcasters do not have an absolute copyright, but must also act to benefit the common good, by Constitutional requirement as well as because they are given the public grant for use of the publicly-owned airwaves. It is this same reasoning that compelled the United States Supreme Court to decide in favor of Sony in the famous Universal v. Sony case, permitting Sony to manufacture the VCR despite its potential for copyright-infringing use.

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